

ANNUAL REPORT

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2011



Program, Functions, Services and Activities

Health Administration

Health Director, Medical Director and Assistant Health Director

Annual report for the year 2011 ending December 31, 2011. It is the responsibility of Health Administration for overall planning, development, implementation and management of the services provided by the LTBB Health Clinic and Health Department.

To develop expand services for direct medical care, preventative medicine, community health, included in Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) 638 Contract and all other health grants and contracts.

To plan and organize activities related to clinical services to ensure patient needs are met in accordance with medical standards and health care administrative standards.

To develop partnerships and coordinate activities with other health service agencies to increase services and extend program dollars. .

To develop programs and access resources to incorporate wellness and disease prevention activities for LTBB Tribal Members.

To maintain budget based on appropriate workload and anticipated revenues. As closely as possible without jeopardizing the Health Services that are delivered. To monitor and control health department costs to maintain expenditures within allocations and budget.

To develop, implement, and evaluate methods to ensure effective and efficient use of staff, facilities, equipment, and other resources while maintaining program standards.

Contract Health

The CHS Department has a manager (the Assistant Health Director)

- ♣ A Contract Health Specialist
- Two Contract Health Assistants
- ♣ A Contract Health Administrative Assistant
- ♣ It is the responsibility of Contract Health to administer the (I H S) prospective payment program.

- ♣ This program consists of funding designated to our health program to assist in payment for specialty Health Services provided to LTBB Tribal members:
- ♣ For January 01, 2011 December 31, 2011 Contract Health Services paid \$ 1,109,370.00 for all specialty services that were provided to LTBB CHS patients
- \$287,429.00 in Pharmacy prescription co-pays;
- \$279,810.00 for the 340B Drugs for uninsured members, Prescription Services:
- \$614,265.75 for outpatient referrals;
- **\$135,805.00** for hospital care;
- \$51,542.00 for dental referrals.
- 20,329.00 For optical services.

Dental Clinic

The Dental operations include a full time Dentist a full time receptionist and full time assistant and a part time Dental Hygienist.

- ♣ Dental Clinic schedules appointments five days per week for the Dentist and three days per week for Dental hygiene.
- ♣ The Dentist saw 801 patients in 2011 and the hygienist saw 583 patients.
- ♣ Third party revenue for the year \$124,159.00.

Health Clinic Services

- The Clinic is a full service primary care clinic.
- Health services are provided five days per week, office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Medical Direction is provided by Dr. Terry Samuels MD, a LTBB tribal member.
- ♣ He also provides primary health care at the clinic by appointment.
- Joshua R. Meyerson MD is a Pediatrician and sees patients one day per week at Mina Mskiki Gumik Health Clinic.
- Carrianne Jeffers-Wcisel MS PA-C Physician Assistant sees patients Monday through Friday
- ♣ Sharon Sierzputowski BSN PA-C is also a Physician Assistant a LTBB tribal member who as well as being the Health Director sees patients in the clinic as a primary practitioner on a as needed and fill in basis..
- Mina Mskiki Gumik Health Clinic employs two medical assistants, and four front office workers.
- Mina Mskiki Gumik had 5633 patient encounters in 2011.
- Third party revenue is \$34,133.00 for 2011.

Alternative Medicine

The alternative medicine services offered through LTBB Health Department include:

- Traditional Healing with Healer Jake Pine and his assistant.
- ♣ The traditional healer is available for appointments two days per month. In 2011 Mr. Jake Pine has seen 123 patients not including the patients who attend the sweat lodges.
- Jake Pine is being contracted again for services in 2011.

Community Health

The Community Health/Diabetes program functions to evaluate the tribal community health needs and provide limited health services to the LTBB tribal community. This department provides comprehensive Diabetes education to diagnosed Diabetics in the tribal community.

- This program currently has a department manager Michele Keshick RN who is also a LTBB tribal Member;
- One community health nurse, who provides home nurse visits;
- One position of Health Educator who helps the department meets the criteria of the Diabetes grant.
- One Healthy Start Nurse who works with Maternal/Child patients.
- ♣ The department has two Community Outreach Workers who provide home health visits and patient transportation; a total of 540 patient contacts were made by our CHR's for 2011.
- Limited patient transports are provided for medically related appointments by the Healthy Heart transporter on a part time basis.
- ♣ The Community outreach program has a Administrative Assistant
- New in 2011 is a Healthy Heart data specialist and a Healthy Start outreach worker part time.
- ♣ This program has several programs to promote healthy living one of these is the Home Grown Program that encourages Tribal families to consume more home grown fruits and vegetables and distributes fresh produce to tribal families.
- ♣ The diabetes program is a specifically funded program to address the needs of diagnosed diabetics, provide education and develop programs to prevent diabetes in our population.
- ♣ Diabetes continues to be one of the primary health problems of our people and is associated with many other diseases and conditions such as renal failure, heart disease, vascular disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.
- ♣ The departmental staff are continually looking at new ways we can provide assistance to promote healthy lifestyles of our patients.

Maternal Child Health

This program currently has one full time position, a Registered Nurse this program functions to provide the Healthy Start program and is a part of the Community Health Department.

- ♣ The Healthy Start program is a grant funded program in conjunction with Intertribal Council of Michigan. This program was established to address the disparity in prenatal care and the high infant mortality in the Indian population.
- This program focuses on the concept if the mother is healthy then the baby will be healthy too.
- ♣ The program is conducted by a Registered Nurse who provides prenatal support for moms and young families, as well as prenatal and newborn education.

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department

- ♣ Under the direction of the Health Director, has a Department Manager who also provides patient counseling, three Substance Abuse / Mental Health Counselors and one Substance Abuse Counselor, two administrative staff.
- ♣ The Spring Grant Prevention group is also housed in the Substance Abuse department. They are composed of six people who are working under a grant that focuses on Substance Abuse prevention in our tribal youth.

Respectfully Submitted

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